implemented by the States and Union Territories of the country in secondary and higher secondary schools.

(c) AEP is being implemented in States/UTs through assistance made by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). Allocations of Rs. 42.30 crore and Rs. 55.20 crores were made for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively. The funding was provided by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) for implementing the same programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Yash Pal Committee to look into text books

1371. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Yashpal Committee to look into the objectionable portions in Hindi Text Books published by NCERT;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof including Members of the Committee;

(d) whether it is **a** fact that some Members of the Committee are the author of books which are to be looked into; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Yash Pal was constituted on 30.8.2006 to review the relevant Hindi textbooks published by NCERT in the light of certain objections raised regarding their contents and to recommend any improvement and revisions that might be considered necessary. The other members of the Committee were:

1. Prof. Mrinal Miri;
2. Shrimati Nirmala Deshpandey, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha);

3. Miss Krishna Sobti, eminent Hindi writer;

4. Prof. U.R.Ananthamurthy, eminent Kannada writer; and

5. Shri Ashok Vajpeyi, former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University.

The Committee submitted its report on 20.10.2006. After considering the report of the Committee, the following action has been taken:

(i) In the book Antara-I, the story 'Apni Khabar' by Pandeya Bechan Sharma Ugra has been replaced by story 'Uski Maa' written by the same author. Similarly in the same book the poem 'Mochiram' by Dhoomil has been replaced by poem 'Ghar Main Wapsi' by the same author.

(ii) In the book Aaroh-I the story 'Doodh ka Daam' by Premchand has been replaced by the story 'Namak ka Daroga' by the same author.

(iii) In the book Aaroh-I, introduction to the poem by Paash has been modified.

(d) and (a) One of the members, Miss Krishna Sobti's the author of the story 'Mian Nasruddin' which is included in the book Aaroh-I. There was no objection to this story from anyone.

Assessment of academic institutes

1372. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make it mandatory the assessment of teachers, students, infrastructure and academic environment in all colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to bring in a legislation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The existing